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MESSAGE:

Examiner Wayne A. Langel  
Group Art Unit 1754

Dear Sir:

Attached for filing in connection with the above application is Applicant's Response to Office Action dated October 14, 2005. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: §

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SERIAL NO.: 10/604,404 §

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EXAMINER:

FILED: July 17, 2003 §

§ Wayne A. Langel

FOR: Low-ΔP Purifier for Nitrogen, §

Methane, and Argon Removal §

from Syngas §

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Atty. Docket No.: KEL-106  
Date: October 21, 2005

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated October 14, 2005, setting out a restriction requirement, and in response submits the following remarks without amendment.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17, directed to an ammonia synthesis process, are purportedly subject to restriction from claim 19 directed to an apparatus for ammonia synthesis. Claim 18, written in means-plus-function format paralleling the steps of method claim 1, has been properly noted as a linking claim, and is understood not to have been

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restricted. Applicant provisionally elects the method claims 1-17 for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

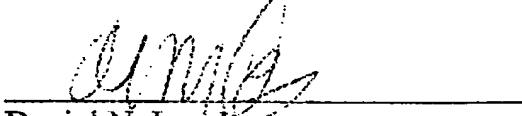
Applicant notes that claim 19 is written in independent means-plus-function format paralleling the steps of method claim 10, and as such, is also a linking claim which must be examined with claim 10. Claim 19 thus links to claim 10 independently from linking claim 18. If there are any material differences between the steps of claim 10 and the means of claim 19, applicant would respectfully request an opportunity to amend. Claims 18 and 19 thus include essentially all of the elements of claims 1 and 10, respectively, and thus there is no additional burden placed on the office to examine the linked claims.

The restriction requirement should be withdrawn, or in the alternative, applicant would request rejoinder upon an indication that linking claim 18 is allowed, or in amended form presented at a later date.

Withdrawal of restriction requirement, examination of all claims on the merits, rejoinder of any withdrawn claims, and an early allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain that are appropriate to resolution by telephone interview, please contact undersigned counsel.

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Respectfully submitted,



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